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# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) (37 C.F.R. 1.114)

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1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above-identified application.

# TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE

2.	This re i. ii	equest is	being submitted: Prior to abandonment of the application Payment of the issue fee  Prior to payment of the issue fee Issue fee has been paid but a petition under § 1.313 has been					
	iii.		granted Prior to a decision on appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences  A notice is being separately sent to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences that this Request for Continued Examination is being filed.					
	iv.		Appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals of the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. 145; or  ☐ Commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 146 ☐ Prior to the filing of such appeal or commencement of civil action ☐ Such appeal or commencement of civil action has been terminated					
3.	a)		usly submitted Consider the amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on August 20, 2001. (Any unentered amendments referred to above will be entered) Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously submitted on Other					
	b)	Enclos	An information disclosure (37 C.F.R. §1.98) Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B) An amendment New arguments New evidence in support of patentability Other:					

# **FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e))**

4. This application is on behalf of:

■ Large entity

\$710.00

Continued Prosecution Request Fee \$710.00

### **FEE FOR CLAIMS**

5. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(b)-(d) has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col.1)		(Col.2)	(Col.3)	Small Entity			Large Entity	
	Claims remaining after amendment		Highest No. previously paid for	Present Extra	Rate	Add. Fee	Or	Rate	Add. Fee
Total	18	Minus			x\$9=	\$		x\$18=	\$
Indep.	4	Minus	4	None	x\$40=	\$		x\$80=	\$
F	irst Presentation	+\$135=	\$		+\$270=				
					Total		Or	Total	
					Addit.Fee			Addit.Fee	

(c) No additional fee is required.

## **EXTENSION OF TIME**

- 6. The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.
  - (a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(l)-(4), for the total number of months checked below:

Extension

Large Entity

**Small Entity** 

three months

\$ 890.00

\$ 445.00

Fee:

\$890.00

An extension for two (2) months has already been secured, and the fee paid therefor of \$390.00 is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$500.00

### TOTAL FEES DUE

7. The total fees due are:

Continued Prosecution Fee (§ 1.17(e)) \$710.00

Extension of time fee (if any) (§ 1.17(a)(1)-(4)) \$500.00

Total Fees Due \$1,210.00

#### PAYMENT OF FEES DUE

8. Please pay the fees for this continued examination application as follows:

Charge Credit Card the sum of (Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) attached)

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Please charge any required additional fees for § 1.17(e), § 1.16(b)-(d) and/or § 1.17(a)(1)-(4) to

Account No. 12-1099 of Lerner and Greenberg, P.A.

#### **INVENTORSHIP**

- 9. This application as amended names as inventors:
  - the same inventors as previously designated for the claims.
- 10. Instructions as to Overpayment
  - [x] Credit Account No. 12-1099.

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IGNATURE OF PRACTITIONER

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